PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The 5th January 1881.

No. 37.—Mr. E. Gramatzki, Executive Engineer, returned from the two months' privilege leave granted him in Notification No. 31, dated 26th October 1880, and assumed charge of the Coorg Division, from Mr. F. Sharp, on the afternoon of the 31st December 1880.

No. 38.—Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. Johnson assumed charge of the office of Superintending Engineer and Public Works Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg, from Major C. Bowen, R. E., on the forenoon of the 5th instant.

By Order,

W. R. JOHNSON, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Secretary, P. W. D.

Notifications by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

GENERAL.

NOTIFICATION.

The 5th Janaary 1881.

No. 22.—Mr. C. Subbaiya, Rai-Bahadur, 2nd Assistant Superintendent of Coorg, handed over charge of the Treasury to Major H. M. S. Magrath, 1st Assistant Superintendent, on the afternoon of the 21st December 1880.

By Order,

W. J. CUNINGHAM,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore in the General Department, (Financial),—dated 15th December 1880.

From the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce,
To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, (through Foreign Department), No. 3475,
dated Simla, the 4th November 1880.,

I am directed to forward the accompanying extract from a letter from the Comptroller General, No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880, pointing out that delay in the disposal of applications for pension or gratuity is in many cases due to inattention to the Rules of the Civil Pension Code by the Head of the Office who submits the application.

2. The Government of India have repeatedly sought to mitigate the hardship which is occasioned to an officer retiring from the service, by delay in the settlement of his pension or gratuity; and in order that this object may be more completely secured, I am to request that—

Heads of Offices may be instructed to observe more carefully, than heretofore, the Rules in the Civil Pension Code, regarding the preparation and submission of applications.

Copy of this letter (without the extract) forwarded to the Comptroller General, with reference to his letter No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880.

Also, to the several Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge for information.

Extract from a letter from the Comptroller General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880.

I would suggest that the present return is hardly calculated to shew the actual causes of delay in passing pension cases through the necessary forms, as it shews only the facts connected with the very latest stage in the proceedings. Of course, my opinion, in such matters, may be a little prejudiced ; but I certainly think that the blame, in most cases, lies with Heads of Offices in preparing the papers, and in their disregarding the plain requirements of the Rules. I have also seen several cases delayed through the difficulty the Head of the Office finds in collecting verifications from other administrative officers.

I have procured the following statistics of work done by the Account nt General, Bengal, this year, which will support my view that the Account Offices are not those which are to blame for the delays.

One hundred and four applications have been returned by the Accountant General, Bengal, since 1st January 1880, because they were submitted to him by the Head of the Office without the prescribed verification statements of services. It seems to be one of the most elementary Rules in the Code that the first step which the Head of the Office has to take is to get a list of services and verify it (Section 83). The figure just given shews in what a large number of cases the Head of the Office prefers to fire off the whole case in an inchoate condition at the Accountant General.

The Accountant General also took a number of old pending cases on which he is just about to report to Government that he cannot get the local officers to answer his enquiries, and he finds that the average detention has been 10 months and 27 days in local offices, 27 days in Accountants General's Offices.

No. 6412-52—F. 621, DATED BANGALORE, 15TH DECEMBER 1880.

ORDERED that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to Heads of Departments for information and guidance.

R. VIJEYANDRA RAO,
For Secretary.

Notifications, &c., by the Government of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

NOTIFICATIONS.

Fort William, the 23rd December 1880.

No. 15 *G.-J.*—The Governor General in Council is pleased to extend Act XIV of 1880, (The Indian Census Act, 1880) to the Province of Mysore, subject to the following modifications :—

1. For the expressions 'British India' and 'Local Government' wherever they occur, the expressions 'the Territories of Mysore' and 'Chief Commissioner of Mysore' respectively shall be substituted.